

**A RESOLUTION
BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR REAR LUGGAGE CARRIERS ON
WHEELCHAIRS WITH DAL GLOBAL SERVICES, PRIMEFLIGHT
AVIATION SERVICES, AND AIRTRAN AIRWAYS, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta and its Department of Aviation, as owner and operator of the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (the "Airport"), desires to facilitate the very best customer service possible; and

WHEREAS, currently, passengers using wheelchairs at the Airport have limited options for handling their carry-on luggage; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Aviation worked cooperatively with the wheelchair manufacturer and the wheelchair provider at the Airport to develop a rear-luggage-carrier ("RLC") device that allows the placement of carry-on luggage on the back of the wheelchair, as opposed to on the laps of or between the legs of Airport customers; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Aviation purchased 160 RLCs for \$10,000. The Department of Aviation wishes to influence the adoption of the RLC devices to improve customer service at the Airport. Therefore, the Department of Aviation desires to lease the RLC devices to DAL Global Services, Primeflight Aviation Services, Inc., and AirTran Airways, Inc. for a one (1) year term for \$1, with a \$1 purchase option at the end of the term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, that the Mayor is authorized to enter into lease agreements for the RLC devices with DAL Global Services, Primeflight Aviation Services, Inc., and AirTran Airways, Inc. for a one (1) year term for \$1, with a \$1 purchase option at the end of the term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare appropriate agreements for execution by the Mayor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the agreements shall not become binding on the City and the City shall incur no liability under them until the agreements have been executed by the Mayor, attested to by the Municipal Clerk, approved by the City Attorney as to form, and delivered to the contracting party.

Part II: Legislative White Paper: (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:

Committee of Purview:

Caption:

Council Meeting Date:

Requesting Dept.:

FAC Confirmed by:

B. To be completed by the department:

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

Enter into lease agreements for rear luggage carriers on wheelchairs with DAL Global Services, Primeflight Aviation Services, and Airtran airways, Inc.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

DOA noted a gap relative to providing customer service to passengers requiring the use of a public wheelchair at Hartsfield-Jackson. Passengers had no choice but to put carry-on luggage - often heavy and/or dirty—on their laps or between their legs. Placing the luggage between the legs of the passenger at times resulted in a safety hazard, as the bag could fall, cause the wheelchair to stop abruptly, and result in a collision with other passengers.

Consequently, DOA approached Invacare, the maker of the Tracer EX wheelchairs nearly ubiquitous at Hartsfield-Jackson, to propose crafting a device that would facilitate placement of the bag on the back of the wheelchair. Invacare indicated existence of a design for such a device that had never been successfully produced/marketed. DOA inquired as to the availability of a several prototypes, which Invacare produced and provided.

This arrangement—\$1 to lease the number of RLCs required to retrofit each of the wheelchairs in each of the Entities' extant fleets, i.e., \$1 whether there are 40 chairs, 140, chairs, etc., and an option to buy the RLCs at the end of the 1-year leases for an additional \$1—is palatable to the Entities, as it greatly reduces uncertainty about the success of the RLCs, i.e., there is no need to delay acceptance of the units, waiting for other organizations, at other airports, to be early adopters.

Aviation Mobility has agreed to not only transfer the provided 1-year warranty to the Entities/target lessees, but also service and maintain (minimal) the RLCs during the period of the lease, through pre-existing rental/maintenance agreements with the Entities, as Aviation Mobility provides all of the wheelchairs used by the Entities at Hartsfield-Jackson.

3. If Applicable/Known:

- (a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc): Lease
- (b) Source Selection: Sole
- (c) Bids/Proposals Due: N/A
- (d) Invitations Issued: N/A
- (e) Number of Bids: N/A
- (f) Proposals Received: N/A
- (g) Bidders/Proponents: N/A
- (h) Term of Contract: 1-Year

4. Fund Account Center (*Ex. Name and number*):

Fund: 180101 Account: 5311001 Center: _____

5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant* Innovations' Budget

6. Fiscal Impact: \$9,600

Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of _____ to Fund Account Center Number _____.

7. Method of Cost Recovery: Decreased claims against Airport.

Examples:

- a. Revenues generated from the permits required under this legislation will be used to fund the personnel needed to carry out the permitting process.*
- b. Money obtained from a local assistance grant will be used to cover the costs of this Summer Food Program.*

This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By: Doug Strachan

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Anita Williams

Contact Number: 404-530-6600

Originating Department: Aviation

Committee(s) of Purview: Transportation

Chief of Staff Deadline: 5/28/08

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): 6/11/08

Anticipated Full Council Date: 6/16/08

Commissioner Signature: 

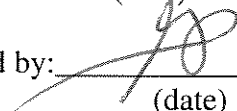
CAPTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR REAR LUGGAGE CARRIERS ON WHEELCHAIRS WITH DAL GLOBAL SERVICES, PRIMEFLIGHT AVIATION SERVICES, AND AIRTRAN AIRWAYS, INC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any)

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by CPO: _____ (date) Received by LC from CPO: _____ (date)

Received by Mayor's Office: 5.28.08 DG (date) Reviewed by:  (date)

Submitted to Council: _____ (date)